

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-34 are pending in the present application; Claims 1, 18, 33, and 34 having been amended by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Abstract was objected to; the claims were objected to; and Claims 1-34 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting.

In response to the objection to the Abstract, the Abstract has been reviewed and the number of words has been reduced to below 150. Accordingly, the objection to the Abstract is requested to be withdrawn.

The claims are objected to. In response to this objection, the claims have been reviewed and the objected to issues have been addressed.

Accordingly, the objection to the claims is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

Claims 1-34 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-30 of U.S.P. 7,219,015. In response to this rejection, included herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer which obviates the double patenting rejection. The filing of a Terminal Disclaimer should not be interpreted as an admission that the claims are obvious over each other, but the Terminal Disclaimer is being filed in order to expedite the allowance of the application.

Accordingly, the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

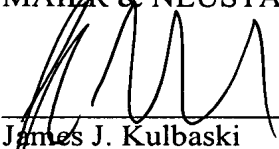
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